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**Reply to Final Office Action Rejecting Claims and Request for Continued
Examination**

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the Application.

Claims:

- 1) (Cancelled)
- 2) (Withdrawn) An image acquisition apparatus connected to at least one USB equipped computer, comprising: a) one or more digital card reader slots to accept transmittal means for inputting image data into a control circuit within said apparatus; b) transmittal means for sending said image data from said control circuit through the USB system of said computer from one or more digital card reader slots; c) interface means for said control circuit to receive instructions from, and send data to, control software on said computer;
- 3) (Withdrawn) An apparatus as in claim 2, further comprising simple control means for directing complex operations of said control circuit and said control software directly from the outside of said apparatus, said means comprising: a) at least one button a series of buttons on said apparatus wherein said button buttons have a function determined by said control software indicating that button to direct a scanned image to result in a fax, email, print job or archive command; b) an interface for said button to direct said control circuit and said control software.
- 4) (Withdrawn) An apparatus as in claim 3, wherein said image input means further comprising a flatbed scanner, said scanner containing one or more digital card reader slots which may accommodate at least one of a Compact Memory card reader, a Smart Media card reader, a PC or